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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, PK, PBOR, UR

SUBJECT: AUTHORITY FOR TIA TO OVERFLY PAKISTAN

REF: KARACHI 2043

1. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION HAS INFORMED AMCONSUL KARACHI THAT EXCEPTION CANNOT BE MADE FOR TIA REGARDING OVERFLIGHT OF PAKISTAN. EMBASSY GOT SIMILAR TURNDOWN FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY. THIS REPRESENTS LATEST IN A SERIES OF TURNDOWNS ON SIMILAR REQUESTS. ASSUMPTION THAT GOP'S ONLY PURPOSE IN REQUIRING TECHNICAL LANDINGS IS FOREIGN EXCHANGE MAY NOT BE JUSTIFIED BY THE FACTS. KARACHI AIR CONTROL IS NOT EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE IDENTIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT OVERFLYING THE AREA. THEREFORE, REQUIREMENT THAT ALL NON-SKEDS LAND MAY HAVE DEFENSE COMPONENT.

2. IF WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING FOR TIA, WE WILL HAVE TO GO IN AT A HIGHER LEVEL IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (WHICH HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS) OR MAYBE EVEN HIGHER.

3. IN DECIDING WHETHER IT WANTS US TO MAKE A HIGH LEVEL APPROACH, CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPARTMENT MAY WANT TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE EFFECT ON OTHER IRREGULAR FLIGHTS. A FEW MONTHS AGO PAKISTAN INSISTED THAT SOVIET AIRCRAFT CARRYING CARGO TO ETHIOPIA LAND IN PAKISTAN AND BE INSPECTED TO ENSURE THAT NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT WAS ON BOARD. (THREE FLIGHTS ACTUALLY CLEARED AFTER SOVIET ASSURANCES -- WHILE THEY WERE ON THE GROUND IN KARACHI -- THAT THE CARGOS INVOLVED WERE ONLY HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS; THAT THE GOP SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED

THAT THE CARGOS CONTAINED MATERIEL, CONFIRMED ITS RESISTANCE TO THE USE OF PAKISTAN AIR SPACE FOR THESE SOVIET PURPOSES.) WE SUPPORTED GOP AT THE TIME AND WOULD OBVIOUSLY WISH THEM TO STAND EQUALLY FIRM IN THE FUTURE AS WELL. TO THE EXTENT THAT WE PUT PRESSURE ON THEM TO BEND THEIR RULES ON TIA'S BEHALF, WE MAY NOT BE SERVING OTHER INTERESTS IN PREVENTING THE SOVIETS FROM USING FREE WORLD AIR SPACE AND FACILITIES TO SERVE AIMS WHICH CONFLICT WITH OURS.

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